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Expressing support for the designation of May 2023 as “American Stroke Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 13, 2023

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

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“American Stroke Month”.

Whereas quick identification and treatment for stroke results in a higher chance of survival and reduces recovery time for individuals experiencing a stroke;

Whereas appropriate treatment depends on the type of stroke an individual is experiencing, which must be diagnosed by a healthcare professional;

Whereas, when dealing with a time-sensitive medical emergency, like a stroke, the right care at the right time and at the right facility really matters;

Whereas a system of care allows for scientifically proven measures to be applied to every patient, every time;

Whereas every 40 seconds, an individual in the United States has a stroke;

Whereas stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability and the fifth-leading cause of death in the United States, causing more than 160,000 deaths each year;

Whereas the total annual health care costs of stroke are expected to reach \$240,700,000,000 by 2030;

Whereas nearly half of adults in the United States have high blood pressure, which is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for stroke;

Whereas the acronym F.A.S.T., which is used to help detect warning signs and symptoms of stroke and respond effectively, stands for face drooping, arm weakness, speech difficulty, and time to call 911;

Whereas, during American Stroke Month in May, and year-round, the Together to End Stroke initiative of the American Stroke Association strives to teach people everywhere that stroke is largely preventable, treatable, and beatable; and

Whereas more research and education is needed to help prevent and treat stroke: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses support for the designation of
3 May 2023 as “American Stroke Month”;

4 (2) recognizes and reaffirms the commitment of
5 the United States to fighting stroke—

6 (A) by promoting awareness about the
7 causes, risks, and prevention of stroke;

8 (B) by supporting research on stroke; and

1 (C) by improving access to affordable qual-
2 ity care to reduce long term disability and mor-
3 tality;

4 (3) commends the efforts of States, territories,
5 and possessions of the United States, localities, non-
6 profit organizations, businesses, and other entities,
7 and the people of the United States who support
8 American Stroke Month; and

9 (4) encourages all individuals in the United
10 States to familiarize themselves with the risk factors
11 associated with stroke, recognize the warning signs
12 and symptoms, and on first sign of a stroke, dial
13 911 immediately, in order to begin to reduce the
14 devastating effects of stroke on the population of the
15 United States.

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